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25 April 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : OXCART - Titanium Status

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1. On 19 April [REDACTED] and the undersigned met with [REDACTED] of TMC, for the purpose of reviewing the status of titanium deliveries and reiterating the DD/P's concern and interest in expediting this aspect of the OXCART program. Mr. [REDACTED] acknowledged the slip in deliveries originally forecast due primarily to:

a. The stringent quality control measures imposed for this program which resulted in high rates of rejections of material.

b. The extended period of time required by TMC to learn how to handle and process titanium in accordance with the rigid OXCART specifications.

c. The complex TMC method of processing titanium which in many instances requires shipments of material between a number of TMC plants involved in a particular processing cycle.

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2. Mr. [REDACTED] stressed that he is mindful of the high national objectives and priority of the OXCART program and, therefore, TMC management is devoting full attention to expediting titanium deliveries and meeting current and revised schedules. [REDACTED] feels that TMC now is in a position to improve deliveries and to complete all outstanding orders for Lockheed by 1 August 1961.

3. For the record it must be noted that TMC has been given the most difficult titanium assignments by Lockheed. Further, TMC is the only titanium supplier which Lockheed found to be capable of taking on and accomplishing the most complex titanium tasks and orders contracted for by Lockheed.

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- 1 & 2 - C/DB
- 3 - DD/P
- 4 - AC/DPD
- 5 - Contr/DPD
- 6 - Security/DPD
- 7 - RI/DPD

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Development Branch, DPD

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